



# Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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## *Statement of Welcome*

Accepting those whom Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

## **Our Mission Statement**

As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.

## ***KMLC Core Values***

✠ *Communion Centered Worship*

✠ *Caring*

✠ *Service to Others*

Pastor Dan Keck

Worship 10:00

KMLC Office Hours:

Varies due to COVID-19.

# The Baptism of our Lord

10AM ✠ January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Welcome to Worship! We are glad to be worshipping with you today.**

**May you sense the Spirit's presence here!**

If you live in the area and don't have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming part of our community of faith! The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered for all who believe Jesus suffered and died, that we might be forgiven, strengthened in spirit and have everlasting life. We celebrate and receive the meal at an Open Table. Children are welcome to receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive are invited to come to the altar for a blessing.

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

P. This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

**Opening prayer:**

A: Let us pray. Holy and gracious God, we give you thanks for the light and life with which you fill us. Transform us by your Spirit and send us into the world to be the body of Christ in our communities. These things we pray through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

**Thanking God for the Gift of Baptism!**

P: As we reflect on the joys of life, the blessings we share, the struggles we experience, the sins we need to confess and the presence of God in our lives, we remember and thank God for the gift of baptism that cleanses us and makes us whole!

A: Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of baptism. That refreshing and cleansing water that sustains our lives and washes away our sin. We give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit that gives us life and the strength to love and serve one another. Through the gift of your Spirit you renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song:**

*We are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

Red Book 451

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen

**Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Prayer:**

## WORD

### Acts 19:1-7

*Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 29

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

### The Holy Gospel:

#### Mark 1:4-11

### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

*Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

**Children's Time:** *For the health and safety of all at this time, the children are asked to stay with their families during the children's time...which is harder than you can imagine for Pastor Dan!*

**Message:**

**Song of Praise:** *Baptized and Set Free* Red Book 453

1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

**Statement of faith** *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers:**

**Sharing the Peace of the Lord...***without physically sharing the peace!*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Prayer:**

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for the offerings given this morning, as a sign of your gracious love for us. Use these gifts and the abilities you give us to make a difference in the world around us. This we pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Lord's Supper:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night he was betrayed...Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat it, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Guidance for Communion Distribution:** *You are asked to come forward, one family unit at a time to the distribution table where the communion elements are located. Take a cup with a piece of bread and receive a blessing. You may then receive a cup of wine white grape juice and receive a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available for those with that preference. Once you receive communion, step away from the table, pull down your mask, consume the bread and wine/grape juice and put the cup in recycle container that is provided. Thank you!*

**Communion songs:**

*Baptized in Water*

Red Book 456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

Red Book 304

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,  
As urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
To serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,  
To give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
That likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,  
May perfect freedom find.

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

Red Book 455

1 Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death:

2 Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,  
washing off the chains of bondage— channel to a life made new.

3 Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,  
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

4 Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

**Blessing/Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song:** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Red Book 543

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

**Sending:**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. And have fun doing it!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Schedule for Sunday:**  
**‡ Word & Sacrament Worship 10AM ‡**

**Assisting Minister**      **Serving Today**  
*Beth Gavigan*

**Reader**                      *Marion Wyman*

**Ushers**

**Offerings:** *Thank you for empowering us to live out our mission! Let us continue to grow in responding to God's amazing grace!*

*Attendance Last Week: Approximately 105! Through Zoom, Facebook Live, worship leaders and a few in person!*

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## ✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

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### HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Teri Massey, Anne, Chris, Clara, and Allie Burkauskas, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Barb Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Gene Snuggs, Lisa, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Belle Hunt, Megan Peoples, Vaughn & Cathy Schweitzer, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Jennifer Von Cannon, Don Bowman, John Vrba, Karen Matthews, Marge McClosky, Richard Laudati, Joe Wright, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Steve Jones, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden, Lynne Denne, Lizzy Akins.**

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

**Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), Kristi Johnson, Cyndie Heath, Jami Harris, Jac Schlagle, Lexi Westfall (Hitchcock), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley (Cox), Richard White (Prevatte), Arden Buckley & Erin O'Brien (Buckley), Brad Cook (Shearin), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Bridges family (Lundy), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Pastor Tom Schutt, Belle Hunt, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassar, (Keck), Barbara Gavigan (Gavigan), Robin Stoehr (Gourville) Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Kent Parker (Shearin) Barbara Murtha (Hambel/Lundy), Martin Jackson (Jones).**

*Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men's families / KMLC Preschool / Girl Scout Troops #867, #901 and #155 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / KMLC Youth Group / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Lutheran Church of Costa Rica/ Casa Abierta-La Carpio / Seamen's Center

### STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-Cape Fear Community College / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jordan Pivik- East Carolina University / Rachel Pivik-ECU / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Vegas Vecchio- University of Washington, Seattle / Heather Keck- Medical University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland / Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-East Carolina University / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-Wake Tech / Kari Bloch-Wake Tech.

### MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Brandon Muehl at Fort Bragg, NC; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Bragg, NC, Nick Schwenker-Fort Benning, GA.

### COSTA RICA MICRO LOAN RECIPIENTS

Rosa Marin, Aida Marin, Raquel Marin: Village of Guatuso / Zoraida Hernandez, Raul Perez: Village of Quitirrisi / Ana Yensi Rivera: La Carpi / Alexa Araya: San Jose / Marta Doderó.